

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7-12 have been canceled so that only allowed claims 5 and 6 remain pending.

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Obviousness Rejection

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 2, claims 1-4 and 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saitoh et al. (US 6127039) in view of Murray et al. (US 6254662).

In response, and to expedite allowance, claims 1-4 and 7-12 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this rejection has been obviated, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 3 of the Office Action, in paragraph 3, the Examiner indicates that claims 5-6 are allowable because the closest prior art fails to teach or suggest the claimed Hc ratios.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5 and 6 are allowable. In view of the cancellation of the other pending claims, allowance of claims 5 and 6 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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